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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES MISSION COMMENTS ON
LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH CONCERNING COOPERATIVE ARMAMENTS
PLANNING REQUESTED BY PARA 11, REF A. WE AGREE WITH
WASHINGTON THAT THE PERIODIC ARMAMENTS PLANNING
SYSTEM (PAPS), NATO ARMAMENTS PLANNING REVIEW (NAPR)
AND TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE (TAD) POTENTIALLY WILL
BE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE FOLLOW-THROUGH. ADDI-
TIONALLY, THE FOLLOWING MAY BE USEFUL COMPLEMENTARY
MEASURES: (1) CONTINUE EFFORTS ON MOUS CONCERNING
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT
OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT (REF D), (2) DRAWING ON THE
PETRIGNANI PAPER (REF E), REFINE HOW BEST TO
PROCEED WITH EACH ITEM DESIGNATED FOR ACTION BY
CNAD. (THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND NADREPS HAVE
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BEGUN THIS TASK); (3) CONTINUE TO USE FOUR-POWER
FORUM TO FORGE AGREEMENTS WHICH CAN BE IMPLEMENTED
AS NATO PROJECTS THROUGH CNAD; (4) REVIEW OVERALL
FOLLOW-THROUGH STATUS OF COOPERATIVE ARMAMENTS
ITEMS AT EACH CNAD MEETING TO INSURE NECESSARY
EMPHASIS AND DIRECTION. END SUMMARY.

1. IN REF A, WASHINGTON ADDRESSED COOPERATIVE ARMAMENTS PLANNING AS FOLLOWS:

- A. POINTED OUT THAT A MAJOR PART OF THE LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH FALLS TO THE CNAD WHICH WAS HAMPERED IN THE PAST BY NATIONAL STAKES IN SPECIFIC WEAPONS SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT AND BY CNAD PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS.

- B. STATED THAT THE PROPOSED APPROACH TO THE TAD (REF B) AND THE PAPS/NAPR EFFORT PROMISED HEADWAY IN THIS ESSENTIAL AREA OF FOLLOW-THROUGH.

- C. REQUESTED MISSION ASSESSMENT OF DESIRABLE COMPLEMENTARY STEPS. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES THAT ASSESSMENT.

2. IN OUR VIEW, PAPS, NAPR, AND THE TAD POTENTIALLY WILL PLAY KEY ROLES IN THE LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH ON COOPERATIVE ARMAMENTS PLANNING. HOWEVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THEY WILL PROVE SUFFICIENT FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- A. PAPS AND NAPR ARE STILL IN DEVELOPMENT AND WILL NOT PROVIDE A NEAR-TERM CONTRIBUTION.

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- B. DESPITE PROGRESS AT THE 28 JUNE TAD MEETING (REF C), THE TAD AS MANIFESTED IN THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS AT NATO BETWEEN NORTH AMERICANS AND THE IEPG IS UNLIKELY TO MOVE VERY QUICKLY BECAUSE OF THE IEPG DIFFICULTY IN FORMULATING ITS "ONE VOICE"--ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES THAT ARE INVOLVED. ADDITIONALLY THIS TAD FORUM WILL ADDRESS A LIMITED NUMBER OF PROJECTS. INDEED, THIS FORUM MAY NOT PROVE APPROPRIATE FOR EVERY COOPERATIVE ARMAMENTS PROJECT ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH ARE OF INTEREST TO ONLY A FEW COUNTRIES OR TO ONE SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC.

3. IN ADDITION TO TAD, PAPS AND NAPR, WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING MAY ALSO PROVE TO BE USEFUL COMPLEMENTARY MEASURES:

- A. CONTINUE EMPHASIS AND EXPANSION OF THE MOUS CONCERNING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT (REF D).

- B. DRAWING ON THE PETRIGNANI PAPER (REF E),
REFINE HOW BEST TO PROCEED WITH EACH CNAD
DESIGNATED MATTER. NADREPS BEGAN THIS EFFORT
IN AN INFORMAL MEETING ON 18 JULY AND WILL
DISCUSS IT AGAIN ON 24 JULY. NADREPS ARE ATTEMPTING
TO PREPARE AN APPROACH ON WHICH THEY CAN THEN
SEEK NATIONAL AGREEMENT. WE WILL REPORT AS SOON
AS THERE ARE SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS.

- C. CONTINUE TO USE FOUR-POWER FORUM TO FORGE

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AGREEMENTS WHICH CAN THEN BE IMPLEMENTED AS NATO
PROJECTS THROUGH THE CNAD. WE BELIEVE A NUMBER
OF COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING THE US WILL
NEED RESOLUTION IN THE FOUR-POWER. THESE MAY INCLUDE
THE THIRD GENERATION ANTI-TANK GUIDED MISSILE,
SCOUT HELICOPTER AND IHAWK REPLACEMENT.

- D. CONTINUE TO REVIEW AND EMPHASIZE CNAD'S
PART OF THE LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL
CNAD MEETINGS. WE EXPECT NADREPS WILL ASK THE
INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO PROVIDE A CONSOLIDATED REPORT
SO THAT NADS CAN TRACK PROGRESS OF OVERALL LTDP
FOLLOW-THROUGH AND PROVIDE DIRECTION AND EMPHASIS AS
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